

SENATE RESOLUTION 145

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Benton McDonough,
2009 graduate of the Nashville School of Law.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those individuals who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence and honor, have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exceptional young man is Benton McDonough, who after several years of dedicated scholarly study has earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Benton McDonough worked for the Tennessee Department of Education in the Division of Special Education following the election of Governor Phil Bredesen in 2002; and

WHEREAS, known to his many longtime friends simply as "B," Mr. McDonough began his classes at Nashville School of Law in 2006; while completing his coursework, he clerked for Judge Steve Dozier, Davidson County Criminal Court, Division I; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy, Benton McDonough's whimsical antics often provided amusement for his loving family; young "B" loved baseball, especially the Dodgers, and was thrilled to attend a game in Los Angeles at Dodger Stadium while visiting a relative at the age of fourteen, fulfilling a "lifetime" dream; and

WHEREAS, a young man with an excellent work ethic, Mr. McDonough established his own summer business, Three Men and a Lawnmower, during high school; he later worked the sweaty and exhausting third shift at United Parcel Service in the summertime, which led him to declare his intentions to attend college and later pursue law school; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Benton McDonough was joined in holy matrimony with his beloved wife, Ashley Mitchell, who married him in spite of his failure to follow helpful instructions that would have allowed him to arrive on time for their first date; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDonough's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his friends, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Benton McDonough's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Benton McDonough upon the receipt of his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law and offer our sincerest wishes for his every future success in all his chosen endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.